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News and Notes from the
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OCTOBER 1985

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TOP 20 TITHES

(Received by August 15, 1985)

1-	MCC Dallas	Dallas, TX	$1,969.73
2-	MCC of Resurrection	Houston, TX	1,473.35
3-	MCC Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	923.84
4-	MCC in Valley	No. Hollywood, CA	911.77
5-	Ch. Holy Spirit MCC	Ft. Ldrdale, FL	845.21
6-	MCC Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	789.22
7-	MCC Greater St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	736.36
8-	MCC Washington	Washington, DC	723.63
9-	MCC of Greater K.C	Kansas City, MO	717.56
10-	MCC New York	New York, NY	685.84
11-	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana, CA	490.45
12-	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth	Ft. Worth, TX	489.60
13-	MCC San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	487.21
14-	MCC Toronto	Ontario, BC	** 415.67
15-	MCC Seattle	Seattle, WA	378.56
16-	MCC of the Disciples	Washington, DC	378.52
17-	St. Luke's MCC	Jacksonville, FL	365.42
18-	Christ the King MCC	Oklahoma City, OK	362.30
19-	Holy Covenant MCC	LaGrange, IL	356.86
20-	MCC Albuquerque	Albuquerque, NM	356.17

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1-	Sojourner MCC	Ferndale, MI	$33.67
2-	Trinity MCC	New York, NY	29.10
3-	MCC of the Spirit	Harrisburg, PA	24.42
4-	MCC Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA	22.25
5-	Calvary MCC	Redwood City, CA	22.24
6-	Christos MCC	Toronto, ONT	** 21.05
7-	Diablo Valley MCC	Concord, CA	19.25
8-	MCC of the Disciples	Washington, DC	18.74
9-	MCC Hartford	Hartford, CT	18.55
10-	MCC of the Living Hope	Memphis, TN	16.41
11-	MCC Washington	Washington, DC	15.80
12-	Christ Chapel	Santa Ana, CA	15.42
13-	MCC Providence	Providence, RI	14.53
14-	MCC Ocean of Life	Costa Mesa, CA	14.43
15-	MCC of the Valley	No. Hollywood, CA	13.99
16-	MCC New York	New York, NY	13.83
17-	MCC in El Paso	El Paso, TX	13.74
18-	Maranatha MCC	Colorado Springs, CO	13.64
19-	Apostles of God MCC	Huachuca City, AZ	13.53
20-	New Life MCC San Angelo	San Angelo, TX	13.50

** (Canadian Exchange to U.S. Currency)

UFMCC UPDATE

Good News from the Fellowship Offices!! A new Catalog and Order Form is off the drawing board and on its way to the Printer.

The new Order Form will list all Church Services materials available along with prices. However, there will be a cost increase for some materials. As you can appreciate, printing, paper goods, etc. have increased in cost, therefore, the increase will be reflected in the new prices.

Memorabilia is still available from the UFMCC Offices from General Conference XII: Audio Tapes, Conference Posters and T-Shirts. A complete set of worship tapes is $50, single tapes are $4.00, TShirts are $4.00, Buttons are $ .50, and Posters are $ .50. Make these part of your UFMCC memorabilia collection.

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PRAYERS AND PRAISES!!

MCC Sydney is looking for a Church Building to purchase. Please keep them in your prayers during this process.

Congratulations to Rev. LaPaula Turner, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District, who was recently elected to MCC Dayton Parish, Dayton, Ohio with a 86% vote! She and her spouse Ms. Sandi Robinson plan on moving to Dayton in the next couple of weeks.

The Ecumenical Witness Ministry has received a $5,000.00 Grant for the continuation of their work with the National Council of Churches. Thanks to the efforts of Sandi Robinson who is responsible for writing the Grant. The Grant was received from the Chicago Resource Center.

Two of Rev. Willie White's brothers recently died. This has been a very difficult time for Willie, please be sure and lift him up in your prayers. Any letters of support and love can be sent to: Rev. Willie White, P.O.Box 869, Ossining, NY 10562.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Richard Matera recently sent us some information on (2) two jobs being publicized for the City of New York. One is for "Public Health Advisers-Aids Program" - Salary: $ 18,086 - Location: City-Wide. Resumes should be sent to: "Confidential" Tom Bartenfeld, Program Manager, AIDS Program, 125 Worth Street, Box 44, New York, NY 10013. For further information, please call (212) 566-0454, 9 to 5 Monday - Friday.

The second, "Nurse Clinician - Aids Program" - Salary: $ 25,035. Forward Resume to: Paul a Pariski, Jr. MD Acting Director, Department of Ambulatory Care, Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, 760 Broadway, Brooklyn NY 11206, (718) 963-8193.

SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES

New Polity Course Soon Ready

The 1985 revised edition of the correspondence course UFMCC POLITY will be ready in October. Contact Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107 for info and enrollment form. Cost is $60 (US), which includes all reading materials.

New Adult Education Resource

A new adult education course is available from Samaritan Extended Studies (Address above). Living a Christian Life Style As a Gay or Lesbian Person is a seven-session course written by Rev. Gail Van Buren, Pastor of MCC of Northern Virginia. Cost is $7 (US).

NEWS FROM MEXICO CITY!!!

The following is a portion of information we have received from Rev. Elder Don Eastman, who is currently visiting Mexico City. A letter regarding special offerings and other ways to assist our people will be sent to you in the near future.

From Rev. Elder Don Eastman, written on September 25th 1985.

"Lupe Valdez and I arrived in Mexico City yesterday to assess the situation in our church groups here. Roberto Ochoa-Schutz from Los Angeles is also with us.

Prior to the earthquake ICM Mexico City was doing very well. They had been permitted to return to the English Episcopal Church where they originally had worshipped in downtown Mexico City. With the return, attendance rapidly increased to 130 persons each Sunday. Recently they have received a number of new members into the congregation. Approximately 30 people are more active and comprise the core group of the congregation. Hundreds of people attend the church occasionally.

There are only two known casualties among the core group: Dr. Virginia Carrizales, a dentist, was seriously injured, her foot was amputated. We will visit her in the hospital today. Her companion, Magdalena, was killed in the earthquake. Virginia does not yet know of Magdalena's death.

One man's home was totally destroyed, several other members' homes were partially destroyed and had to be evacuated and they do not know if or when they can return to their homes.

Of the less active people attending the church, it may be several weeks before the extend of injury and damage is known.

The Episcopal Church is located two blocks from the area most seriously affected. Therefore, they were not able to worship in the building last week. We were able to see the church today and it appears to be ok, but, they must wait for a Structural Engineer to say it is safe. Hopefully that will occur this week.

The damage appears concentrated in several areas, the rest (and most) of the city seems to be functioning normally. There is considerable fear about the possibility of unstable buildings and engineering studies are being done. The long-range economic impact is difficult to assess at this point, but, it seems that our church group continues to have the same needs as before, but they are stronger and continue to have great faith. While there is not an urgent need for immediate financial aid; there will be a continuous assessment to see what the needs actually are.

Lupe and I will also visit Cuernavaca on this trip. There is little damage and people are all ok there." Please continue keeping them all in your prayers.

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NAME.....

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NEW ADDRESS.....

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